

Minutes of the Special Called Business Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Friday, August 9, 2013, 8:15 AM
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT:

Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis R. Phillips, Presiding
Alderman John Clark
Alderman Colette George

Vice-Mayor Mike McIntire
Alderman Tom Parham
Alderman Tom Segelhorst

City Administration

John G. Campbell, City Manager
J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney
Lisa Winkle, Comptroller

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** 8:15 p.m., by Mayor Dennis R. Phillips.
- II.A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Alderman George.
- II.B. **INVOCATION:** Vice Mayor McIntire.
- III. **ROLL CALL:** By Deputy City Recorder Angie Marshall. Absent: Alderman Jantry Shupe.
- IV. **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. **Consideration of a Resolution Approving an Option Agreement and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Same** (AF: 225-2013). Mayor Phillips explained the reason for the meeting, noting the city is looking for a location to replace the ballfields at Eastman. He stated the property being considered is being offered by Roger Ball who wants to give the city an option for \$75,000 per acre for almost ten acres. He further stated we would be accepting this option in good faith as there is a dispute as to whether or not Mr. Jessie Hensley already has an option. Mr. Hensley owns the adjoining property which consists of ten acres also. The mayor also read a letter from Mr. Hensley which offered an option for all 20 acres at \$150,000 per acre. Mr. Hensley stated that option would only be available if the theater and apartments he is planning to build falls through. Mayor Phillips explained that all twenty acres were necessary for the ballfield project and that the city would have to look elsewhere if all twenty acres were not available at this time. The one parcel alone would not meet the needs for this project. There was considerable discussion about the time constraint, the asking price in the letter and the uncertainty of the validity of Mr. Ball's offer that will possibly have to be settled in court between Mr. Ball and Mr. Hensley. The mayor also stated the city did not want to interfere with the theater project or the apartments since the city is in need of both. Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt gave an update on the actions of the committee working on this, noting there were other sites being considered. Alderman George noted we should move forward with the other options.


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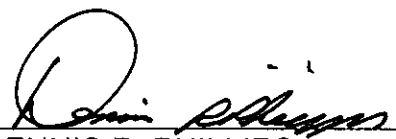
Motion/Second: George/McIntire, to reject:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN OPTION AGREEMENT WITH ROGER BALL AND CARROLL E. ROSE ON 9.668 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED NEXT TO INDIAN TRAIL DRIVE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE AGREEMENT, IF NECESSARY; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THIS RESOLUTION

Passed: All present voting "aye."

V. ADJOURN. Seeing no other business for consideration at this meeting, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.


ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder


DENNIS R. PHILLIPS
Mayor